

Remarks

This is supplemental to the amendment filed on February 16, 2005.

Claim 1 has been amended. New claims 54-59 have been added. New claims 54 and 57 are dependent claims that add method steps presented previously in claim 1. As a result, claims 1 and 52-59 are pending for examination, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner indicated that reference C7 was not found in the application file. Applicant encloses herewith another copy of this reference, and respectfully requests consideration of it by the Examiner.


Finally, Applicant encloses herewith a certified English translation of the Japanese priority document (JP 11-158637, filed June 4, 1999).

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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